

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 through 26 are presently pending. The Applicants appreciate the indication in the office action mailed March 10, 2004, (Paper No. 7) that claims 1-26 were allowed. The application stands objected to for the following formal matters: the Examiner requests that the appendix computer program listing be deleted from the specification and submitted as a CD-ROM. Enclosed with this response are two (duplicate) CD-ROMs, each having the file COMPUTER_PROGRAMMING_SEQUENCE_LISTING.ANS in compliance with the American Standard Code for Information Exchange (ASCII), each enclosed in a hard compact disc case within an unsealed padded and protective mailing envelope and accompanied by a transmittal letter having the following information:

Machine format:	PC
Operating System:	MS-Windows
File on Disc:	COMPUTER_PROGRAMMING_SEQUENCE_LISTING.ANS
Size in bytes:	51.5 kilobytes
Date of creation:	May 20, 2004

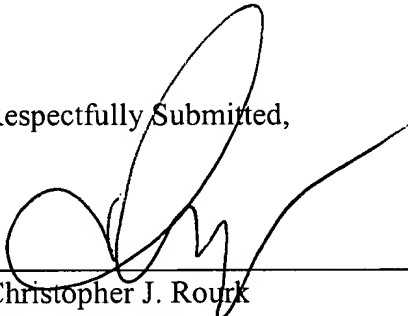
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejections and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the undersigned at (214) 969-4669 is hereby requested so that such impediments may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

An additional fee for a one-month extension of time in the amount of \$110.00 is required, and a petition for said extension of time is hereby made. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee to the deposit account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., No. 01-0657. No additional fee is believed to be required with this response. If any applicable fee or refund has been overlooked, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the deposit account of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., No. 01-0657.

Respectfully Submitted,



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